

VIDEO CAMERA WITH MICROPHONE**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A video camera with a microphone having controllable directivity

characteristics to an object in synchronism with focusing of the video camera to the

5 object. The microphone is an optical microphone (300) comprising a diaphragm (2)

vibrating with sound pressure, a light source (3) for irradiating the diaphragm (2) with

a light beam, a photodetector (5) for receiving part of the light beam reflected from

the diaphragm (2) and outputting a signal corresponding to the vibration of the

diaphragm, a circuit (13) for driving the light source (3) by supplying a predetermined

10 current, and a negative feedback circuit (100) for supplying a part of the signal

outputted from the photodetector (5) to the light source driving circuit (13) as a

negative feedback signal. The directivity characteristics of the optical microphone

(300) are controlled by varying the magnitude of the negative feedback signal with a

zooming signal indicative of the zooming amount of the video camera with respect to

15 the object.

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